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SUBJECT:R/V ATLANTIS II RESEARCH CONTRACT

REF: TEHRAN 12647

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED RESPONSE TO REFTEL FROM DR. ROSS
AND EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS COMPLETE TEXT TO
DR. MOHAMMEDI, DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT. TEXT FOLLOWS.

QUOTE. TEXT OF CONTRACT APPEARS UNNECESSARILY RESTRICTIVE
FOR OUR SIMPLE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM. PARTS NEED CLARIFICA-
TION TO OUR ADMINISTRATION. IF SOMEBODY FROM DOE COULD
VISIT WOODS HOLE TO EXPLAIN SOME CONTRACT PROCEDURES
AND WORDING WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD. AN
EXAMPLE OF OUR QUESTIONS IS HOW DO "PRELIMINARY SURVEYS,
PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY " (ARTICLE 2.1) OR
WORKING SCHEDULES (ARTICLE 4) RELATE TO OUR SCIENTIFIC
PROGRAM? THE DESCRIPTION OF REPORTS AND "PHASES"
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(ARTICLE 5.1) IS UNCLEAR. ARTICLE 6.4 SHOULD NOT BE
APPLICABLE TO THIS PROGRAM. NOTE--IF THE DOE PROVIDES
THE INDICATED FUNDS IT WILL ONLY BE SPONSORING 18.7
PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAM. ARTICLE 7A
IMPLIES THAT WE HAVE TO KEEP SOMEONE IN IRAN FOR THE
PERIOD OF THE CONTRACT. ARTICLE 10 CONCERNING RENUMERA-

TION--OUR REQUEST WAS FOR \$132,284 IN DOLLARS. 10,000,000
RIALS CAN BE CONVERTED IN THE U.S. AT THE RATE OF 78
RIALS/U.S. DOLLAR OR ABOUT \$128,000. ARTICLE 11--CON-
CERNING A BANK GUARANTEE IS BEING CONSIDERED BY OUR
ACCOUNTANTS, BUT THE LANGUAGE OF THE ARTICLE IS NOT
CLEAR TO US. ARTICLE 15.2 AND ARTICLE 18 NEED MORE
EXPLANATION. ARTICLE 16--CERTAINLY A MARINE OPERATION
MUST HAVE SOME DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WITHOUT HAVING
TO ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE DOE. ARTICLE 22--AMERICAN
AGENCIES HAVE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES FOR
DATA AND DOCUMENTS THAT WE MUST FOLLOW; THESE DO NOT
HAVE TO CONFLICT WITH YOUR ARTICLE BUT NEEDS DISCUSSION.
WHERE OR WHAT IS ANNEX III? PART 4 IN APPENDIX WAS NOT
A SPECIFIC TASK THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED--ALTHOUGH SOME
DATA ON SUBJECT MAY RESULT FROM OUR PROGRAM; THUS,
SHOULD NOT BE LISTED AS A SPECIFIC TASK.

THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS PROBABLY COULD BE EASILY RE-
SOLVED BY A PERSONAL VISIT TO U.S. RATHER THAN BY ME
VISITING IRAN. THE DELAY HAS CONTINUED TO CAUSE
PROBLEMS WITH THE BIOLOGY PROGRAM AND SOME MODIFICATIONS
SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. END QUOTE.
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